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WATCHING ALONG THE LAZARETTO

Showed Boer Reinforcements Approaching From Wimbledon and British Retired.

BOER KAMPERDAM ARTILLERY

Opened Fire at Otto's Kopje, the Kimberley Fort Replying With Twenty Shells.

KIMBERLEY, Friday, Dec. 22, vis Modder River, Wednesday, Dec. 27 .-Before dawn to-day, a detachment of the mounted forces with artillery and Britain will take extreme measures. light infantry, moved out in a westerly direction. Boer artillery from Kamper dam opened fire at Otto's kopje, Kim berley fort replying with twenty shells. posts along Lazaretto ridge, the Boer patrols retreating.

Having accomplished this, having discovered Boer reinforcements approaching from Wimbledon ridge, Col. Chamier, with the Royal artillery, exchanged a dozen shells as soon an the guns could be limbered up. Some 500 Boers poured a heavy fire from their earthworks, the British finally retiring with the loss of one horse.

The movement showed that the Boer were still keeping their guns in the vicinity of Kimberley and are able to summon reinforcements rapidly. also showed their propeness to vacate position immediately when, weaker than the opposing force.

LADY SARAH WILSON

Safe in Mafeking, Living in a Bomb-Proof Shelter-Gives an Interesting Account of Her Experience.

MAFEKING, Sunday, Dec. 10, (By Native Runner to Machudi)-Lady Sarah Wilson is living in a bomb-proof shelter of her own construction un the private residence of Mr. Weil There she is enabled to exist with som degree of comfort, and, if the chooses to spend a part of the time in the house her shelter is close enough to enable her to take cover between the ring of the warning belt and the arrival of the

The correspondent of the Associated Press in Mafeking, to whom she grant-ed an interview, was struct with the lact, our cutt, we her homb-proof re-fuge, that she is unquestionably an old campaigner. Even in this noisome dark hole, dug under the ground, sh manages to make herself comfortable She has whisky and soda as well a cigarettes to offer visitors.

Lady Sarah's adventures were exciting, sometimes amusing, and ofter spiced with considerable danger was on a Thursday that she left Mafe king. She arrived at the Stelogi hotel that night. The following morning sh was aroused by the rattle of musketry and the boom of guns. It was Captain Nesbitt, of the Mashonal and mounted police, now a prisoner in the hands of the Boers, who was fighting desperate ly, unable to get back or to go forward but holding the wrecked armored train until the last. As soon as daylight would allow, Lady Sarah pluckily rode to the scene of action and photographed the wreck.

Finding that her presence at Setlagolia exposed her to insults, the Boers ved her to Mosuti, where she enjoyed the hospitality of a colonial farmer By means of heavy bribes she per-suaded natives to carry information to and fro. Extraordinary stories regard ing her were circulated among the Boers. One was that she was th of an English general, another that she was a grand-daughter of the queen a had come to spy upon the doings of the Boers, and a third that she was the only male survivor of Mafeking, having escaped in the guize of a woman

Lady Sarah visited Vryburg. Sh was driven there by a young Boer who passed her off as his sister. She foun loyalists, who gave her official dispatches and news. She stayed in th hotel all day and stole out at night to do shopping. On visiting the hospita she found that orders had been issued that no one should leave the town, Th gullant Boer had to answer some curl us questions put by the landrost before he could get permission for himself and his "sister" to leave. They set out at o'clock in the morning, in fear of be

ing recognized and got away safely After the Boers discovered that sh had been mixed up in dispatch running. she went to Commandant Snyman camp with a view of getting back to Mafeking, but Sayman refused to b her go to Mafeking or even to Setla goll. He proposed sending her to eZe ternative, to release her, if Viljoe

were given up by the British. At first she refused to ask Col. Bader Powell to do this, but finally she changed her mind. Lady Sarah gathered from her varied experiences amon the Boers that they are heartfly sic

A Mother in Israel Gone to Reward

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligence CHARLES TOWN, W. Va., Dec. 29. Mrs. Mary S. Spotts, wife of the latlearge W. Spotts, died this morning at her late residence in this place, after lliness of some days, aged eighty She is survived by on son. Mr. George W. M. Spotts, of St. Louis. Mo., and a number of grand-Sunday in the Baptist church.

THE SEIZURE INCIDENT

GRAND STAND

PLAY WAS

One of the Chief Prosecuting

Witnesses.

THE EXHIBITION OF CORNISH

As to How He Drank Bromo-Selzed

Was Suddenly Stopped By

the Court's Order.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- The most in-

eresting incident to-day in the trial of

Roland B. Molineux, charged with the

nurder of Katherine J. Adams, occur-

red during the cross-examination of

Harry Cornish by Bartow S. Weeks,

Mr. Weeks asked the witness to step

from the stand, sit down at the end of

the state, go through the performance of opening the bottle of bromo selzer,

from one glass to another, being care-

preparation of the fatal dose on the

much he grank of the mixture, also

Mr. Weeks assured Cornish that the

water would not hurt him, but the

Assistant District Attorney Osborne

then good naturedly told the witness to

go shead and drink the water, and the

witness picked up the glass with the

At

remark: "Well, I will drink it." At this point Recorder Goff again inter-

fered with the statement that he would

not permit anything of the sort to take

place in the court room. Mr. Osborne said that, while Cornish did not like the

tactics adopted by the attorney for the defendant, he had no objections to drinking the water if allowed to do so

by the court To this, however, the re-

Two of the most important witnesses

for the prosecution were on the stand

during the day. They were John D. Adams, ex-secretary of the Knicker-

bocker Athletic Club, and Cornish. Mr.

Adams was the first witness called. The

nost interesting point in connection

with his testimony to-day was his posi-tive identification of the hand-writing

n the poison package as that of Moli-

neux. The testimony of Cornish con-

any questions as to the present whereabouts of Mrs. Cornish, the wife of the

witness, and why Mr. and Mrs. Rogers,

BLIZZARD RAGING

In Northwestern Pennsylvania-Four

Feet of Snow on the Level and Rail-

roads Blockaded-Snow Still Fall-

CORRY, Pa., Dec. 29.-A terrific blis-

eard, the worst in years, has been rag-

ing in northwestern Pennsylvania for

About eighteen inches of snow has

our feet, Many villages are cut off

from the outside world. All the rail-

roads leading into this city are block-

ed, the stages which carry the mails

All the railroads are suffering. The

hrough trains between Pittsburgh and

Pennsylvania are faring a little better

ed in the west, are running, but fal

Ithough all the trains are late.

Buffalo were hours behind time,

defendant's counsel.

ATTEMPTED

And the Reported Treaty Excite the French, Who Fear England Will Possess Delagoa Bay, an Important Strategic Move. PARIS, Dec. 29 .- The virtual seizure

by British officials of vessels laden with American flour, consigned to the Boers, and the statement of the Lokal In the Celebrated Molieux Trial By Anzelger regarding an alleged Anglo-German-Portuguese treaty for the di-vision of Portugal's colonies between Great Britain and Germany, have aroused renewed interest in Paris. While there is a desire to discredit the Lokal Anzelger's statement, its publication has occasioned undoubted uneasiness, because the consummation of such a plan would be a diplomatic stroke unfavorable to France and Russia. The possession of Delagon Bay in believed to be as essential to British success in South Africa as a victory over the Boers is essential to Great Britain's international prestige. There fore, it is felt that if necessary, Great An official of the French foreign office said to the correspondent of the Associated Press to-day, with respect

to the seizure of breadstuffs:
"Such a seizure is absolutely outside of international rights and as foolish the table occupied by the atorneys for as though Great Britain, supposing her to be at war with Switzerland, should declare a blockade of Hamburg for show how he knocked the contents into fear certain goods should reach the the glass, how he poured the water

Swiss from that source.

"A decision to consider breadstuffs ful to get approximately the same contraband would be regarded in dip- amount of water that he used in the omatic circles as a suicidal policy for Great Britain, as she would be most morning of the murder of Mrs. Adams. dependent for food supplies upon other nations in case a war arose involving proceeded to demonstrate about how

The official then proceeded to point a about how much Mrs. Adams took of number of precedents against the action of Great Britain in this matter. He asked the witness to drink the water considered her own refusal during the in this pantomimic reproduction of the France-Prussian war to recognize as scene on the fatal morning that the re-contraband coal consigned to France, corder objected. although it was known to be intended for warships. A still more pertinent instance arose during the Franco-Chinese | court remarked: "This dumb show has war, when Great Britain declined to gone far enough." accept a declaration of France making

Obviously, however, the chief ground for apprehension is the belief that, if. Great Britain should establish a cordon of vesselz across Delagon Bay, it would be necessary for all nations to send naval vessels there to protect individual rights. In such an event the presence of a large number of warships might create friction that would bring on grave results.

Great satisfaction is felt in govern ment circles at the successful conclusthe Kwang-Chan Wan affair, France has obtained everything she demanded, including a favorable settlement of

ROLAND REED'S ILLNESS

Is Very Likely to Terminate Fatally. His Wife and Daughter at His Bed-

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-Roland Reed, the actor, who was operated on Tues-lay last at St. Luke's hospital, was re-of the scenes on the morning of the day last at St. Luke's hospital, was reported to be resting quietly last night, murder at the Adams flat. Recorder with little change in his condition for Goff refused to allow Mr. Weeks to ask

There is some doubt as to whether or not he was operated upon for cancer, witness, and why Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, as reported. His trouble was origiting the latter the daughter of Mrs. Adams, nally announced as appendicitis, and had separated. Few new facts were later as cancer of the stomach, and it elicited in the attempts to trace the was said that half of his stomach was polson package from the Knickerbockremoved and that he would not be able | er Athletic Club to the Adams flat. It to survive the operation very long.

Was, however, discovered that Cornish deposited the bromo selzer bottle in his

stantly at his bedside with her mother. desk at the club in the presence of P. S. Many flowers and messages of sym- Finneran, that he lost his key to the pathy arrived daily, but all but a few desk, and that it was afterward found of the flowers are kept away from the on the floor of the Adams flat, after the Engineer John C. Wise Dead When paign, is now at Panique. slick room. It is feared that if the death of Mrs. Adams; that just before messages were read to him they might the murder it was necessary for the

While he is not expected to live, evrything possible is being done for him.

THOMAS MACKELLAR DEAD.

Prominent Typefounder and Author of "The American Printer."

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 29. Thomas MacKellar, senior member of the firm of MacKellar, Smiths & Jor. dan, type founders, died to-day of pneumonia, at his home in German-

Mr. MacKellar received the degree of octor of philosophy from the University of Wooster, Ohio. He was the auther of numerous books, poems and hymns, his most successful venture in the literary line being "The America Printer," a treatise on practical print-

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Western New York &

o keep the tracks clear.

He was president of the Type Founders' Association of the United States, and was a member of numerous other organizations.

Big German Liner in Peril.

LONDON, Dec. 29,-A large German nail steamer, whose name has not yet seen ascertained, has gone aground dur-ng a terrific gale in East bay, about a quarter of a mile off Dungenesse, the bouthern extremity of Kent. Heavy leas are breaking over the vessed, and fe boats are unable to reach her.

the passengers.

is reported that the position of the
r is very serious. Tugs and life
ts were urgently requisitioned from
eer and Folkestone, but they had the
lost difficulty in getting off, owing to

Selecting a Cuban Cabinet.

HAVANA, Dec. 29.—The newspapers o-day added the names of Ruiz Rivera and Alejandro Rodriguez to the list of hose already mentioned as likely to receive cabinet positions. Each journal has one or more reporters continually in the palace precincts to interview prominent men after leaving General Wood. It is safe to say that no man will be included in the cabinet who is, not prominent in Cuban national politics, and the public is confident that General Wood's selections will be exceptionally

SENATOR ELKINS

Has a Large Grist of Bills for Introduction in the Senate for the Relief of Various Constituents, Among Them One for the Relief of the Widow and Heirs of Samuel A. Muhleman, of West Virginia.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Sen— ator Elkins has a number of bills for presentation to the senate upon the Fortifications. e-assembling of Congress

Among these bills are the following To provide for the keeping of indices of petitions in bankruptcy, and for ther purposes; for the relief of trus-ees of Trinity Episcopal church, Martinsburg; for the relief of the Metho-dist Episcopal church, at Webster; for relief of trustees of Carora Lodge Odd Fellows, Martinsburg; for relief of trustees of the Baptist church, Guyandotte; for relief of heirs of John W. Warnick, of Dunmore, Pocahontas county; for the relief of John Viands, of Jefferson county; relief of Methodist Episcopal church, Martinsburg; for relief of Adolphus P. Clark, late private of Company B, Eleventh . West Virginia Infantry; for relief of William J. Knott, executor of the estate of Samuel Knott, deceased; for the relief of John Burns, for work done on custom house, at Wheeling; granting pension to I. W. Allen, late captain of independent company of scouts, Pocahontas county; to purchase a site for and erection of public building at Hinton; for the relief of William J. White, of Ponl, Nicholas county; for the relief of D. B. Clark, of Wheeling, late of Battery D, First West Virginia light artillery, volunteers; to pension Isaac D. Winters, of Sand Hill, Mar-

of West Virginia. presented a petition for remuneration. nor filed a claim for damages, but port of a claim. It is in behalf of the Forty-fifth Infantry, was drowned. heirs that Senator Elkins has introduced the bill.

Senator Elkins has also ready for presentation a number of petitions from citizens of West Virginia in favor of an amendment to the constitution of the United States, to prohibit polygamy. The petition came from Fair view, Newberg, New Cumberland, Lockhart, West Union, Greenwood, Middlebourne, Bruceton, Mt. Storm, Ophella, Snow Hill, Evansville, South Purkersburg, Wellsburg, Erk Know Judson, Petroleum, Albion, Zela, Kenova, Hazelton, Cranesville, Terra Alta, Sistersville, Harrisville, Pullman, Ba-den, Huntington, Reid, Elmwood, Waterloo, Pennsboro, Fairmont, Vermuda French Creek, Wyona, South Side, Stockton and Henderson

REMAINS OF HARRY WOODYARD Will Probably be Brought Home for

Interment. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—It has been ascertained that under pro-per regulations the body of Ralph Woodyard, who died recently in Cuba, may be brought home, and this will doubtless be done as soon as the arrangements can be made. As stated in Monday's Intelligencer, Senator Elkins is interested in procuring the necessary permits.

The deceased was a brother of State Senator Harry Woodyard, of Spencer,

OVERCOME BY GAS.

Taken Out-Fireman Landon Saved.

dal Dispatch to the Intelligence HINTON, W. Va., Dec. 29.—John C. Wise, aged forty-five, an engineer of engineer at the club to break open the desk for the purpose of removing varthis city, was overcome by gas in Big lous articles, and that the desk was re-Bend tunnel, seven miles from here, this paired in a make-shift fashion, Cor-nish also testified that he was misnorning. He was in charge of an east ound freight, and had got almost taken in his statements to the newsthrough the tunnel, which is over a mile papers immediately after the murder ong, when his train stalled. Fireman as to the time when he brought the James Landon was also overcome, and his life was saved by the heroic efforts polson package from the club to his oom at the Adams apartments, and of Brakeman Vanwinkle, who carried that he had refreshed his memory by him out into the open air. alking with Mrs. Rogers concerning dead when taken out. He was very popular, and owned a large store in Adjournment was taken until next his city. He was insured, and leaves a wife and six children. He will be buried by the Masons, of which he was

DEATH OF MRS. CRAIGHILL,

Wife of Gen. W. P. Craighill, at Baltimore—Funeral at Charles Town. ecial Dispatch to The Intelligencer.

CHARLES TOWN, W. Va., Dec. 29.ntelligence was received to-day from Baltimore, of the death of Mrs. Reoecca Churghill Jones Craighill, wife of the past twenty-four hours, and still General William P. Craighill, harles Town. She had been in falling sealth for some months, and the immediate cause of her death was Bright's fallen, and with that already on the disease. Mrs. Craighill was the daughground, makes the drifts on the level of the late Rev. Dr. Alexander Jones, at one time rector of the Epis-Her recopal church in this place. ins were brought here to-night for from Keating and Findlay lake being

JAIL DELIVERY AT GRAFTON. All the Prisoners Except One Woman Escaped in Daylight.

uge drifts at Summerdale and Angola elal Dispatch to the Intelligencer. being impassable. The Erle and the livery this afternoon in broad daylight. Every prisoner escaped except and dumb. all roads huge snow plows, such as are It is not known what the outcome of harged respectively with all the crimes be storm will be, for the snowfall coninues. No loss of life is reported, The thermometer registers about zero. | gone.

IMPREGNABLE POSITION WAS CAPTURED.

MANY KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Lockert's Casualties, One Officer and Five Men Wounded and One Drowned.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29 .- The adjutant general received a cable message from General Otis this morning, telling of the capture of a mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast of Mateo, formerly supposed to be impregnable, and the capture of many prisoners and a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The dispatch is as

"MANILA, Dec. 29, 1899.

'Adjutant General, War Department, Washington. "Colonel Lockett, with his regiment, two battalious of the Forty-sixth (Col. Schuyler); one of the Forty-fifth (Col. Dorst), and a company of the Twentyseventh Infantry, with two guns (Capt. day to spend New Year's. They will Van Duesen), attacked the enemy, six leave for Washington Monday night. hundred strong, on a mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, portheast of San Mateo. A large number were kill-Shall county; for relief of Elizabeth ed and wounded, and twenty-four pris-Muhleman, widow, and the heirs at law of Samuel A. Muhleman, formerly forty rifles; 20,000 pounds of ammunition; 500 pounds of powder; the arsenal Mr. Muhleman was a clerk in the war records division and was therefore a victim of what is remembered as erty. This captured point is located on

the "Ford"s theatre disaster," when so a mountain trail, and was formerly many clerks were injured. He never supposed to be impregnable. Our casunities were Lieut. Enslow, Eleventh cavalry, and five enlisted men woundquietly collected the evidence in sup- ed, mostly slight. Private Matson

INSURGENTS WHO FLED

Returning and Terrifying Inhabitants-American Prisoners Scat-

tered. MANILA, Dec. 29, 10:10 p. m .- Th Insurgents who evacuated the coast towns between Dagupan and Vigan, fleeing to the mountains before the adsmall bands to the towns the Americans do not occupy, terrorizing the na-tives and Chinamen who showed friendship for the Americans. The natives and Chinamen are seeking the protection of the American garrisons.

Col. Whitsell's cavalry, while scout-ing in the vicinity of Trinidad, found vidence of Filipino soldiers being in that vicinity, but it was impossible to bring about an engagement.

The recent increase in the garrison of Namacpacan against a threatened rebel attack on Christmas day averted trouble

Col. Luther R. Hare, of the Thirty third infantry, who has been following a party of American prisoners, lost track for three days, about December 20, of such signs and evidences of their passage that they customarily left be-hind them. It is thought the prisoners were separated and conveyed to remote parts of the mountains, thus increas-ing the difficulties of General Young's ops to effect a rescue.

General Wheeler, who was recently in Manila requesting an appointmen south in the line of the expected cam-

NEW YEARS AT WHITE HOUSE.

On Monday President McKinley Will Government Officials, Army and Navy Officers and Citizens, According to Programme.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Sec ticut to-day and gave out the programme for the New Year's reception at the white house. It does not differ materially from that in former years,

The President will receive at 11 a. m. the members of the cabinet, and the diplomatic corps.

11:15 a. m .- The chief justice and the associate justices of the supreme court of the United States; the judges of the United States court of claims; the judges of the court of appeals; the udges of the supreme court of the District of Columbia; ex-cabinet members and ex-ministers of the United States. 11:25 a. m.—Senators, representative and delegates in Congress; the commis sioners and Judicial officers of the District of Columbia.

11:40 a. m .- Officers of the army; officers of the navy; officers of the marine corps: commanding general and gener al staff of the militia of the District of Columbia.

12 m .- The regents and secretary of the Smithsonian institution; the missioner of fisheries; the civil service commission; the interstate comm commission; the commissioner of la or; assistant secretaries of departments; assistant postmaster general the solicitor general; assistant attorney general; the treasurer of the United States; commissioner of pensions; commissioner of patents; comptroller of the currency; the heads of bureaus in GRAFTON, W. Va., Dec. 29.—This the currency; the heads of bureaus in the several departments; the president

12:15 p. m.-The associated veterans ide. There were about a dozen of them of the war of 1846-7; the Grand Arms of the Republic; the military order of in the catalogue. Circuit court con- the Loyal Legion of the United States; venes Tuesday, hence the haste to be the Union Veteran Legion, Spanish war veterans; the members of the Oldest ruses to certify,

inhabitants' Association of the District of Columbia.

rict of Columbia.

12:35 p. m.—Reception of citizens which will terminate at 1:30 p. m.

The programme for the Prasident's New Year's reception, issued to-day, is accepted as settling all questions of precedence at official receptions of the three branches of the military service, the army, the navy and the marine corps. According to the programme, the departments rank in the order named, thus adhering to the custom established many years ago of placing them in line according to seniority of organization. Although the order in this year's programme is the same as it was in the programme of last year, and

of previous years, the porramme as it was in the programme of last year, and of previous years, the programme differs from all its predecessors in that it specifies in order "officers of the army; officers of the marine corps," etc., whereas, in all previous programmes the same order was maintained under the general statement of "officers of the army, navy and marine corps." Therefore, if Major General Miles, the head of the army, and Admiral Dewey, the head of the army, and and miral Dewey, the head of the army and navy, on New Year's Day, they will take their places in line in the order named, one at the head of the military branch and the other at the head of the naval. Inasmuch as ladies have no place in the line with the army, ravy or marine corps, no question will arise on that occasion as between Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Dewey.

SENATOR THURSTON

Confident of Republican Success-"So Are We All of Us."

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 29.—United States Senator John M. Thurston, ac-companied by Mrs. Thurston and his two daughters, arrived in Omaha to-Speaking of national politics, Senator

"The feeling everywhere among Re publicans as to the coming national campaign is one of absolute confidence. campaign is one of absolute confidence. Nowhere does one hear an expression of the slightest doubt as to the result. The fact that two senators are to be elected in Nebraska will direct hither the interest of Republicans of all sections of the country. But whatever may be the result in the state, Republican supremacy in national affairs is bound to be continued. I shall not be a candidate for re-election."

TERSE TELEGRAPHIC TIPS. Continued cold to-day and to-mor

Lawton relief fund bids fair to reach \$50,000. Condition of Roland Reed, the actor, is unchanged.

is unchanged.

Pittsburgh papers appear promptly,
notwithstanding the strike.

Prices on glass staples will be advanced 5 per cent January 1.

J. Perry Van Fleet, of Towands, Pa.,
dled of consumption yesterday.

Millocker, the composer, is suffering
from paralytic stroke at Vienna.

Company

Erie, Pa., Lithographing Company chartered, with capital stock of \$200,000. Nelson Lee, of Stroudsburg, Pa. was found dead in his shop. Heart failure. The bank of Montreal, of New York, shipped \$500,000 gold to Canada yesterday.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the chief colonelcy of the Imperial Yeom-Lord Salisbury presided at a meet-ng of the National Defense committee resterday.

Park Biair, Pennsylvania track walk-er, run over and instantly killed at Kinxer, Pa.

Kaul & Hall Lumber Company. of St. Marys, Pa., incorporated, with cap-tol of \$500,000.

James S. Allen, shoe manufacturer, of Brocton, Mass., assigned. Assets and labilities unknown.

Ware & Lincoln, boot manufacturers, Brocton, Mass., have assigned. Assets and liabilities about \$40,000.

Lackawanna Iron & Steel Company tockholders voted to increase capital rom \$3,750,000 to \$25,000,000. The "spotting" tobacco suit at Hart-ord, Conn., has been appealed to the Inited States court of appeals.

Fire destroyed the wall paper house of William Campbell, largest in New York. Building is a total loss.

A blizzard raged in Northwestern Pennsylvania yesterday, and all trains are delayed, some being snow-bound.

William Waldorf Astor has subscrib C1,000 to the Buckinghamshire fund quip the county's contingent of nanry.

John Mitchell, president of the United line Workers, says a substantial ad-ance in wages will be demanded for lining coal.

The Consolidation Oil Company, capl-il, \$2,000,000.to operate oil lands and re-ne oil, was incorporated yesterday at renton, N. J.

Trenton, N. J.

Governor-general Davis and his aide-de-camp, of Porto Rico, have been summoned to Washington for consultation with the secretary of war.

Jackson's Day, January S, will be celebrated at Toledo, Ohlo, with a dollar dinner. Judge James P. Tarvin, of Kentucky, and Hon. Tim Tarney will be the orators.

Edward F. Croker, nephew of the Tammany leader, was yesterday pro-

Tammany leader, was spared or the moted to be chief of the New York fire department; salary, \$5,000. He passed a civic service examination.

The Hernandez revolution can not said to be ended. Hernandez be said to be ended. Hernandes deeling with 200 men to the Colombian coundary. The government troops and the minister of war, General Pulido, are ick at Caracas. back at Caracas.

The Broad-Hamilton fight at the Broadway Athletic Club. New York last night, was stopped by the referee in the twenty-second round, the latter disqualifying Hamilton and awarding the decision to Broad.

Goldsmith, the Port Jervis bank car Goldsmith, the Pott before a United r, was arraigned before a United tates commissioner and waived ex-mination. Hall was fixed at \$10,000 mination. Calif. set furnish a bonds

man, Gotasmith went to Jall.

Tha jury in the trial of William Neufelt, in New York, for the killing of his cousin. Mrs. Nathan Kromman, yesterday returned a verdiet of guilty of murder in the first degree. He was sentenced to death, the execution to take place in the week beginning February 12.

runry 12.

A new point in insurance is involved in the case of the death of George W. Goodrich. He carried a \$3,000 policy in the A. O. U. W. Three days before his death his physician was dismissed and Christian science treatment substituted. The order refuses to settle unless a physician's proof of death is submitted or the body is disinterred and a post-mortem held. The physician refuses to curiffy.

GRATIFYING EVIDENCE OF **PROSPERITY**

Te Shown in R. G. Dun & Co.'s Summing Up of Business Situation for 1899.

SPECULATION IS RESPONSIBLE

For Recent Flurry-Liabilities Smaller Than in Any Period Since 1875.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say n to-morrow's issue: No correct report of fallures in 1899

can be made until the year has closed.

A collapse of speculation in coppe stocks has swelled the aggregate at Boston alone over \$18,000,000 within a few days, and might yet add to the record. The failures thus far reported are fewer in number than in any year since 1883 and smaller in amount of commercial Habilities than in any year since 1881. The aggregate of defaulted liabilities is \$120,160,000, but nearly two-thirds of the banking liabilities were added within a few days, the aggre gate reaching about \$30,900,000. ommercial liabilities have been about \$89,260,000, though exact returns for a few recent failures are not yet obtainable. In no other years except 1881, with defaulted liabilities of \$81,155,932, and 1880, with \$65,752,000, have failures been as small since the agency con quarterly returns in 1875. The average of liabilities per failure is less than \$9,500, the smallest in any year of the 25, a gratifying evidence that com-mercial liabilities are further removed

than usual from the point of danger. The week has been exciting only at Boston, where the failures growing out of speculation and the efforts to re-es-tablish banks and firms suspended, have not given the week a holiday character. Yet general business is thoroughly safe and prosperous, and no important firms have failed, save some which were individually connected with concerns involved in speculation The speculative troubles come be-cause the volume of legitimate busi-

ness and the unprecedented distribu-tion of profils, interest and dividends, made it no longer possible to carry some stocks on borrowed money. Prosperity itself placed a check on specula-Wheat and cotton speculation has taken a holiday, prices scarcely varying, and the movement of both is surprisingly small. Atlantic exports of wheat, flour included, have in four weeks been only 8,278,618 bushels,

against 19,874,587 bushels last year, and Pacific exports 3,314,271, against 3,856,-808 bushels. The corn exports continue about as large as last year, but cotton exports this month have been less than half of last year's, with some decrease in takings of spinners. Accumulated stocks in mills and markets, both here

and abroad, are so large that there is no haste to pay the prices asked. The industries are closing the most extraordinary year of their history. Long established branches have undergone a veritable reconstruction, vastly increasing their capacity, while new industries, which scarcely existed a year or two ago, have enlisted a vast capital, altered modes of business and of production in almost every direction, and improved conditions for the future alnost beyond calculation. Electrical developments in light, heat and power,

wonders in production of materials and providing transportation all the land, deserve especial attention.
For such reconstruction, the increase demand for iron and steel product; is the great feature of the ye 415,733 tons unsold, and 243,516 produc ed weekly, January 1, hindered by se vere weather, so that the output, Marc 1, dropped 15,000 tons, but expanding in every month afterward, the industry is now producing about 300,000 tons week ly, and unsold stocks are reduced to 122,923 tons, and yet orders unfilled wi require six to nine months' work from most of the establishments. have not changed the past week, though demand for some products has improv ed a little. The average of prices clos 119,5 per cent higher than January

for pig and 162.8 per cent higher fo products. Industries which depend on individual consumption have gained less, though more than population. Consumption of cotton has been large than ever, with an average advance of 29.5 per cent in prices of goods, though cotton was for a time 32 per cent, and

Wool has been raised by speculation 35 per cent, but has been very largely consumed with great demand for goods, which have advanced but 17 per ent. Stocks now held are said to be 157,398,879 pounds.

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Of boots and shoes the east has shipped 400,000 cases, or 9 per cent more than last year, and 271/2 per cent more than in 1892; but prices have advance only about 11 per cent since January I. In all these products trade shows a ontinuing strong demand, although

quiet in the holiday week. Failures for the week have been 221 the United States, against 252 last year and 25 in Canada, against 22 last

Flint Glassworkers-Salaries Raised. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 29.-At pecial convention of the America Flint Glassworkers' Union, held here to-day, John Kunzier, of this city, was

elected president, to succeed J. Smith, resigned. Charles E. Voigt, of Cornel olis, Pa., was elected vice president, and Henry Dobbins, Philadelphia, secretary. The salary of the president was increased from \$400 a year to \$2,000, and the vice president was allowed \$1,500 a year. Heretofore the vice president served without salary,

COMPTROLLER DAWES

On Trusts and the Philippine Question-Maintains That the People Must be Protected Against Exter-

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Dec. 28.-Charles G. Dawes, comptroller of the currency, made a speech at the Republican state love feast in the assembly hall to-day, which was regarded by many as outlining the policy of the administration on two points, the Philip-pine policy and the attitude of the

Republican party toward trusts.

Speaking on trusts, Mr. Dawes said
It was the duty of the Republican party to conserve public interests, Wherever trusts proved themselves inimical to the public weal they must be restrained and controlled, and, if neo-essary, laws passed that would so much ncourage active competition as to bring about the disintegration of the trusts. "Rather than have in the hands of

any corporation the power to absolute ly fix the price of a necessity of life at an arbitrary figure, the people of the United States will eventually and right-fully do one of two things," said Mr. Dawes. "They will enact legislation for the absolute protection of the people from extortion by governmental regulation more or less extended, as public necessities may require, or they will enact legislation for the enforced creation of competition by the disinte-gration of trusts. With nothing less than one of these two things will or should the people of this country be satisfied."

Mr. Dawes spoke at some length on the Philippine situation, asserting that encouragement received from anti-im-perialists had much to do with the prolongation of the war. He said that turned from his course in regard to the Philippines by the protests of the anti-Imperialists.

PLAGUE SCARE AT HONOLULD

Has Been Terribly Overrated-The Situation is Not Alarming, and the Matter is in the Hands of a Compe-

tent Board of Health. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29,-Mail advices from Honolulu to the Associated Press regarding the bubon-

c plague situation say: "President Dole, while realizing the seriousness of the situation, does not believe there is much cause for alarm. The president thinks there is no danger to those whose houses, persons and food are cleanly kept. He has un-bounded confidence in the ability of the

board of health to quickly stamp out the disease. Some physicians claim that the dis-ease is not the black plague. Public opinion is divided, also. Many believe that if the plague were present in Hon-olulu the inhabitants of Chinatown would be carried off by the hundreds, on account of the filthy condition of the district. Another interesting phase of the case is the fact that no Japanese have been attacked. They live in large

The council of state met in extraordinary session on December 12, and appropriated \$250,000 for immediate use of the board of health in combating the

numbers in the quarantined district.

All of the districts outside of Honolulu are in a clean condition, and there is developments in light, heat and power, in making cataract work, performing a foothold in the other islands.

supervising surgeon general of the United States marine hospital service from Surgeon D. A. Carmichael, at Honolulu, H. L.:

"HONOLULU, H. I., Dec. 20, Via VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.-There are two cases reported of the plague at Honolulu; two deaths December 12. No new cases to December 20. Quarantine against infection raised December 19." Surgeon General Wyman, in ring to the dispatch, said he did not consider the situation critical in any respect. He said, also, that Honolulu had a competent board of health. This organization had in times past manifested ability to take good care of the public welfare in the matter of health, and he had no doubt it would be equal to the emergency in the present stance. Dr. Wyman said that Pacific coast ports in the United States had been notified of the reports from Honolulu, and that for the present no measures would be resorted to beyond the exercise of extra vigilance on the part of the health authorities.

Probable Increase of Army in Alaska. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—It may be decided to increase the number of troops Alaska, on the ground that the conin Alaska, on the ground that the con-stantly increasing population demands additional protection. Reports reach-ed the departments indicate that the rush to Alaska next year, especially to Cape Nome, and that more troops prob-ably be required. It is likely that one or more additional posts will be estab-lished, one doubtless at Cape Nome, but none of the details have yet been work-ed out.

Weather Forecast for To-day. For Western Pennsylvania-Pair; con-nued cold Saturday and Sunday, except robably snow flurries near the lake; fresh o north winds. Ohlo and West Virginia—Fair: continued old Saturday and Sunday; fresh west to

Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner of Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows: